

November 21, 2016

Dear Citizens' of Jackson,

November has been a very busy month, we started off with The Fall Festival and moved onto projects that honored our Veteran's, with the display of the deceased Veteran's Crosses and the Veteran's Day Program on November 11 that was put together by The Chamber of Commerce, VFW (Travis Mathews) and Pine City Ambassadors. The local DAR chapter (Terri McLemore) handed out blankets and the Veterans were then treated to a lunch at "A Lil' Touch of Cajun Grill," many thanks to owners Brad and Carlene Dronet. Jackson also had the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, a children's choir from Jackson Intermediate School provided the entertainment, and children could tell Santa what they would like for Christmas. The tree will stay lit in the middle of town until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, the tree lighting signifies the beginning of the Christmas season in Jackson. Many local businesses hosted "Open House" to showcase their seasonal décor, stores were crowded and customers were smiling. On Wednesday, November 23, the City offices will close at noon. Let us all give Thanks and enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with our family on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The First United Methodist Church will host its Annual Step Sing on November 27<sup>th</sup>.



The month of December will be just as busy in Jackson. The Annual Christmas Parade is on Friday, December 9, the theme is "A Southern Christmas Tradition," float applications can be picked up at The Chamber. The Police Station is hosting a Toys for Tots Drive, and Dynamic Dance will make their annual donation to the drive at their benefit. Don't miss out on The Depot Annual Christmas Tree lighting the first Sunday in December. The Salvation Army Bell Ringers will have locations at Wal-Mart and Pic-N-Sav collecting donations to support the less fortunate in Clarke County. (Visit "City of Jackson Alabama" or "Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce" on Facebook to find a Community Calendar of Events)

I hope that everyone will remember to support Jackson by shopping locally this holiday season. Have a happy thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from my family to yours.

Your Mayor,  
Paul South